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"AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO UTILITY LAWS."

- 1 After section 3, insert the following and renumber the remaining 2 section accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 16-245l of the general statutes is 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 5 (a) The Department of Public Utility Control shall establish and each electric distribution company shall collect a systems benefits charge to 7 be imposed against all end use customers of each electric distribution 8 company beginning January 1, 2000. The department shall hold a 9 hearing that shall be conducted as a contested case in accordance with 10 chapter 54 to establish the amount of the systems benefits charge. The 11 department may revise the systems benefits charge or any element of 12 said charge as the need arises. The systems benefits charge shall be 13 used to fund (1) the expenses of the public education outreach 14 program developed under subsection (a) of section 16-244d other than 15 expenses for department staff, (2) the reasonable and proper expenses

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16 of the education outreach consultant pursuant to subsection (d) of 17 section 16-244d, (3) the cost of hardship protection measures under 18 sections 16-262c and 16-262d and other hardship protections, including 19 but not limited to, electric service bill payment programs, funding and 20 technical support for energy assistance, fuel bank and weatherization 21 programs and weatherization services, (4) the payment program to 22 offset tax losses described in section 12-94d, (5) any sums paid to a 23 resource recovery authority pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-24 243e, (6) low income conservation programs approved by the 25 Department of Public Utility Control, (7) displaced worker protection 26 costs, (8) unfunded storage and disposal costs for spent nuclear fuel 27 generated before January 1, 2000, approved by the appropriate 28 regulatory agencies, (9) postretirement safe shutdown and site 29 protection costs that are incurred in preparation for decommissioning, 30 (10) decommissioning fund contributions, and (11) legal, appraisal and 31 purchase costs of a conservation or land use restriction and other 32 related costs as the department in its discretion deems appropriate, 33 incurred by a municipality on or before January 1, 2000, to ensure the 34 environmental, recreational and scenic preservation of any reservoir 35 located within this state created by a pump storage hydroelectric 36 generating facility. As used in this subsection, "displaced worker 37 protection costs" means the reasonable costs incurred, prior to January 38 1, 2006, (A) by an electric company or a generation entity or affiliate 39 arising from the dislocation of any employee other than an officer, 40 provided such dislocation is a result of restructuring of the electric generation market and such dislocation occurs on or after July 1, 1998; 42 or (B) by the owner or operator of a Title IV source arising from the 43 dislocation after July 1, 2001, of any employee other than an officer, 44 provided such dislocation is a result of the passage or adoption of and 45 implementation of environmental laws or regulations, and provided 46 further such costs result from either the execution of agreements 47 reached through collective bargaining for union employees or from the 48 [company's or entity's or affiliate's] programs and policies of the 49 company, entity or affiliate, or owner or operator for nonunion 50 employees. "Displaced worker protection costs" includes costs incurred

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or projected for severance, retraining, early retirement, outplacement

- 52 and related expenses. "Displaced worker protection costs" does not
- 53 include those costs included in determining a tax credit pursuant to
- 54 section 12-217bb. For purposes of this subsection, "Title IV source"
- 55 means an affected unit that is also subject to Phase II of the acid rain
- 56 control requirements set forth in Title IV of the federal Clean Air Act,
- 57 <u>42 USC 7651d, et seq.</u>
- Sec. 5. Section 16-245v of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 59 following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 60 (a) Each electric company, as defined in section 16-1, electric distribution company, as defined in said section 16-1, and generation
- 62 entity or affiliate shall maintain and update regularly a roster of
- 63 employees terminated as a direct result of restructuring of the electric
- 64 industry. [Such] Each owner or operator of a Title IV source, as defined
- in section 16-245l, as amended by this act, shall maintain and update
- 66 regularly a roster of employees terminated as a result of the passage or
- 67 adoption of and implementation of environmental laws or regulations.
- 68 Each such roster shall include each such employee's name, address, job
- 69 title and job description at the time of termination. At the time of
- 70 termination, the employer shall ask the employee if the employee
- 71 wants to be included in the roster. After obtaining the permission of
- each such employee, the company, owner or operator shall provide the
- 73 Department of Public Utility Control with a copy of the roster. In no
- 74 event shall the information concerning any employee be added to the
- 75 roster without the permission of the employee.
- 76 (b) The Department of Public Utility Control shall forward the
- 77 roster to each electric company, electric distribution company,
- 78 generation entity or affiliate, owner or operator of a Title IV source and
- 79 electric supplier, as defined in section 16-1. Such roster may be used by
- 80 each such company or supplier in mitigating costs.
- 81 (c) The Department of Public Utility Control shall forward to each
- 82 employee whose name appears on a roster submitted pursuant to

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subsection (a) of this section a list containing the name and business address of each electric supplier."